

General Assistance Program

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General Assistance provides cash assistance to adults who cannot work and do not have dependent children. This section describes the General Assistance program separated into three main categories:

1. **General Assistance-Unemployable (GA-U).** The GA-U program is designed for those who are not employable.
2. **General Assistance-Expedited Medical Disability Only (GA-X).** The GA-X program supports clients pending applications for SSI, the federal Supplemental Security Income.
3. **General Assistance-Other.** Other General Assistance programs include Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Institutionalized (GI), and Regular (GA-R).

Highlights:

- **The average monthly Combined General Assistance caseload increased 16% in SFY 2005 (25,566 cases), from SFY 2004 (22,012 cases).**
- **The average payment per case in SFY 2005 was \$308.35, compared to \$307.81 in SFY 2004.**
- **The average monthly GA-U Only caseload increased 27% in SFY 2005 (12,587 cases), from SFY 2004 (9,936 cases).**
- **The average monthly GA-X Only caseload increased 4% in SFY 2005 (10,958 cases), from SFY 2004 (10,514 cases).**
- **In both SFY 2004 and SFY 2005, about 5% of the combined GA caseload transitioned to SSI each month.**
- **In June 2005, an average of 28.2% of GA-Unemployable clients were on assistance more than 12 consecutive months compared to 44.6% of GA-X only clients.**
- **Most GA-U only recipients are male (58.4%), and white (68.2%). The median age for GA-U only recipients is 44 years.**
- **Most GA-X only recipients are male (55.8%), and white (73.7%). The median age for GA-X only recipients is 44 years.**

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Selected Combined General Assistance Program Characteristics SFY 2004 and SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY04 (July 03 – June 04)	SFY05 (July 04 – June 05)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	22,012 (20,724 – 23,675)	25,566 (24,014 – 26,960)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	22,265 (20,928 – 23,989)	25,919 (24,334 – 27,332)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	0.5%	0.5%
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,645,830	4,725,461
Average Persons Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$307.81 (\$306.04 - \$309.72)	\$308.35 (\$306.79 - \$309.98)

¹ OFM, 2005 Population Trends for Washington State

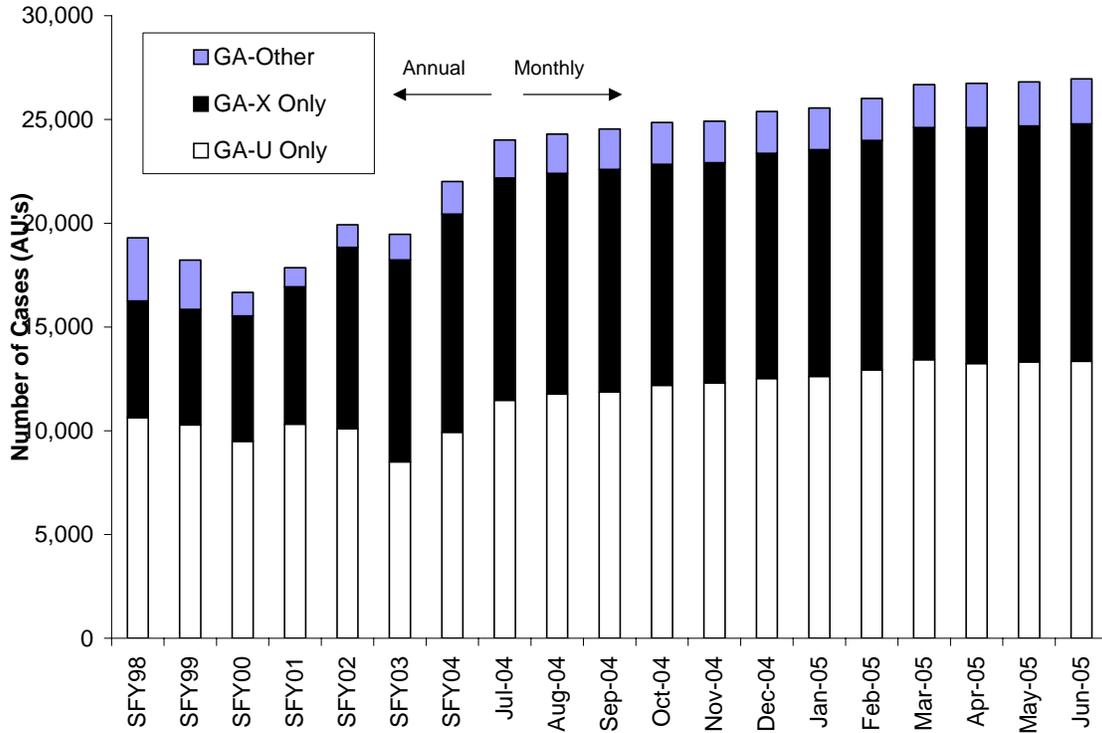
² Payments are not adjusted for refunds

Note: The combined GA caseload includes general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Expedited Medical (GA-X), Regular (GA-R) and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

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Combined General Assistance Caseload, SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data



	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	24,014	24,334	\$7,381,758.34	\$2,386,342.07	\$307.39
August	24,304	24,623	\$7,467,282.87	\$2,818,515.15	\$307.25
September	24,542	24,875	\$7,540,865.41	\$2,671,951.33	\$307.26
October	24,853	25,200	\$7,624,658.07	\$2,647,864.85	\$306.79
November	24,921	25,258	\$7,711,835.08	\$2,533,191.69	\$309.45
December	25,386	25,736	\$7,824,639.60	\$2,777,081.17	\$308.23
January	25,553	25,916	\$7,861,378.87	\$2,054,319.68	\$307.65
February	26,013	26,371	\$8,063,543.21	\$2,323,160.54	\$309.98
March	26,689	27,056	\$8,218,456.93	\$2,590,754.08	\$307.93
April	26,742	27,126	\$8,273,440.61	\$2,802,158.45	\$309.38
May	26,816	27,197	\$8,307,491.20	\$2,431,137.45	\$309.80
June	26,960	27,332	\$8,323,364.70	\$3,040,636.69	\$308.73
Mo. Avg	25,566	25,919	\$7,883,226.00	\$2,589,759.00	\$308.35

Note: The combined GA caseload includes general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Expedited Medical (GA-X), Regular (GA-R) and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Disabled (GI-A and GI-K).

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Selected General Assistance –Unemployable (GA-U) Program Characteristics SFY 2004 and SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY04 (July 03 – June 04)	SFY05 (July 04 – June 05)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	11,498 (10,590 – 13,174)	12,587 (11,472 – 13,427)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	11,741 (10,802 – 13,471)	12,633 (11,523 – 13,474)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	0.3%	0.3%
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,645,830	4,725,461
Average Persons Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$295.57 (\$291.65 - \$298.87)	\$297.56 (\$294.73 - \$300.37)

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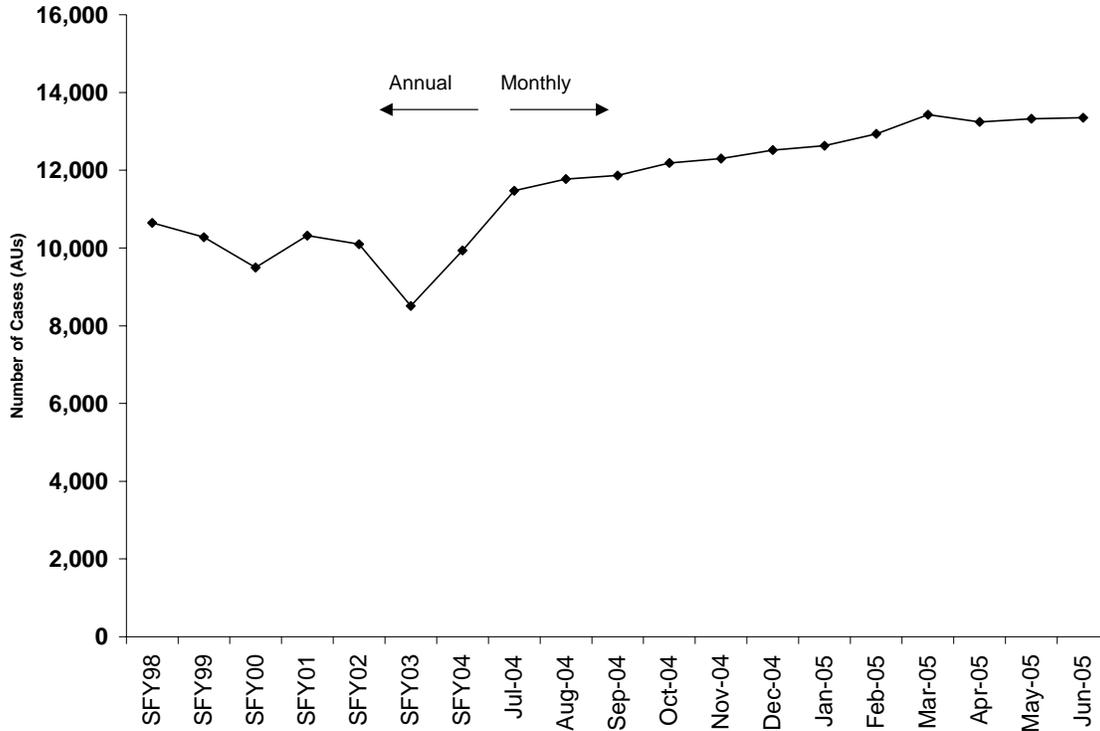
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Note: The GA-Unemployable (GA-U) caseload includes general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) only. It does NOT include Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), Expedited Medical (GA-X), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

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GA-Unemployable (GA-U) Caseload, SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data



	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	11,472	11,523	\$3,396,116.07	\$7,890.04	\$296.04
August	11,775	11,825	\$3,478,876.40	\$8,832.85	\$295.45
September	11,867	11,913	\$3,502,816.41	\$7,667.45	\$295.17
October	12,190	12,239	\$3,592,777.41	\$10,594.86	\$294.73
November	12,303	12,349	\$3,681,121.80	\$7,038.37	\$299.21
December	12,521	12,566	\$3,720,171.93	\$9,312.13	\$297.11
January	12,630	12,681	\$3,739,135.64	\$6,000.06	\$296.05
February	12,939	12,986	\$3,886,474.62	\$7,049.74	\$300.37
March	13,427	13,474	\$3,992,654.91	\$6,663.37	\$297.36
April	13,242	13,286	\$3,966,725.61	\$11,247.09	\$299.56
May	13,327	13,368	\$3,999,669.45	\$10,456.85	\$300.12
June	13,349	13,386	\$3,987,380.85	\$9,894.69	\$298.70
Mo. Avg.	12,587	12,633	\$3,745,327.00	\$8,554.00	\$297.56

Note: The GA-Unemployable (GA-U) caseload includes general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) only. It does NOT include Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular(GA-R), Expedited Medical (GA-X), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

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Selected General Assistance – X Only Program Characteristics SFY 2004 and SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY04 (July 03 – June 04)	SFY05 (July 04 – June 05)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	10,514 (10,116 – 10,668)	10,958 (10,612 – 11,433)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	10,529 (10,127 – 10,683)	10,974 (10,622 – 11,455)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	0.2%	0.2%
State Population Age 18 and Over¹	4,645,830	4,725,461
Average Persons Per Case	1.0	1.0
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range)²	\$321.15 (\$320.30 - \$321.84)	\$320.99 (\$320.10 - \$321.67)

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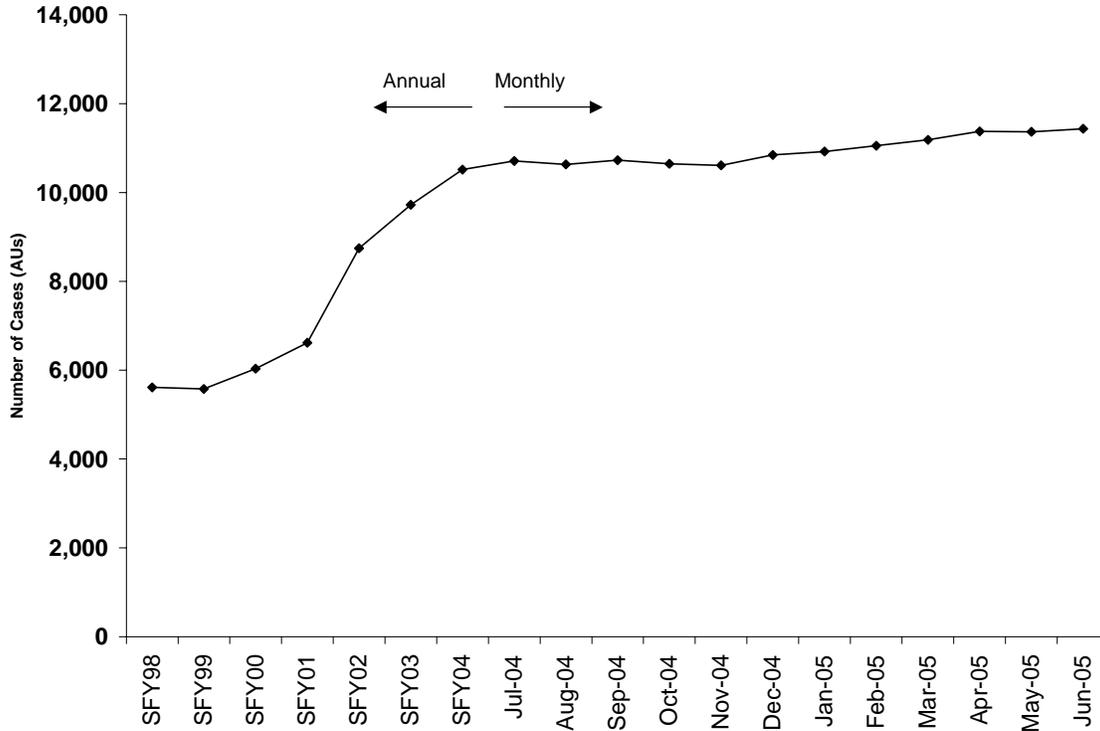
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Note: GA-X is restricted to general assistance for Expedited Medical Only (GA-X). It does not include general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

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GA-X Only Caseload, SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data



	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	10,711	10,723	\$3,428,638.43	\$2,378,452.03	\$320.10
August	10,631	10,643	\$3,409,692.49	\$2,809,682.30	\$320.73
September	10,726	10,739	\$3,444,035.94	\$2,664,283.88	\$321.09
October	10,645	10,658	\$3,415,358.08	\$2,637,269.99	\$320.84
November	10,612	10,622	\$3,408,698.37	\$2,526,153.32	\$321.21
December	10,847	10,861	\$3,481,289.82	\$2,767,769.04	\$320.94
January	10,920	10,933	\$3,500,326.29	\$2,048,319.62	\$320.54
February	11,052	11,066	\$3,552,440.05	\$2,316,110.80	\$321.43
March	11,186	11,201	\$3,589,540.64	\$2,584,090.71	\$320.90
April	11,373	11,396	\$3,658,336.23	\$2,790,911.36	\$321.67
May	11,364	11,385	\$3,653,394.42	\$2,420,680.60	\$321.49
June	11,433	11,455	\$3,667,375.91	\$3,030,742.00	\$320.77
Mo. Avg.	10,958	10,974	\$3,517,427.00	\$2,581,205.00	\$320.99

Note: GA-X is restricted to general assistance for Expedited Medical Only (GA-X). It does NOT include general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U), Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

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Selected General Assistance – Other Program Characteristics SFY 2004 and SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	SFY04 (July 03 – June 04)	SFY05 (July 04 – June 05)
Average Number of Cases Per Month (Range)	1,562 (1,388 – 1,752)	2,021 (1,831 – 2,178)
Average Number of Persons Per Month (Range)	1,775 (1,563 – 2,003)	2,316 (2,092 – 2,498)
Recipients as a Percent of State's Population Age 18 and Over	Trace	Trace
State Population Age 18 and Over ¹	4,645,830	4,725,461
Average Persons Per Case	1.1	1.1
Average Monthly Payment Per Case (Range) ²	\$303.69 (\$298.82 - \$308.39)	\$307.01 (\$304.21 - \$310.49)

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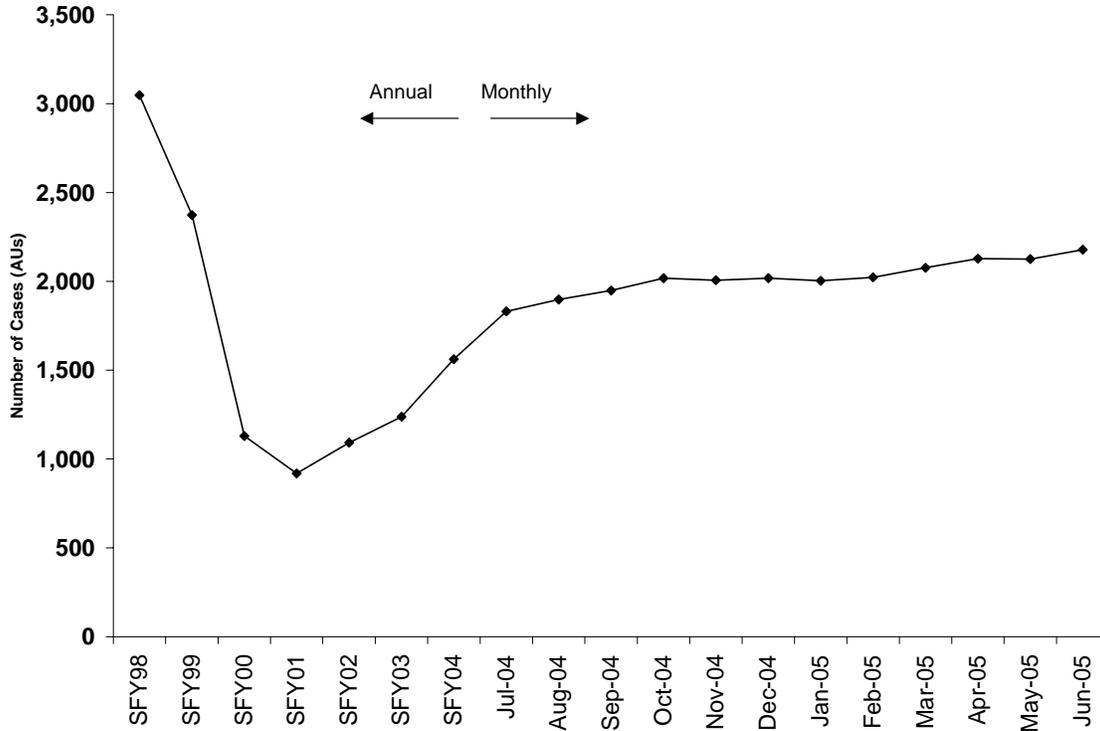
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Note: GA-Other includes Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K). It does not include general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) or Expedited Medical (GA-X).

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GA-Other Caseload, SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data



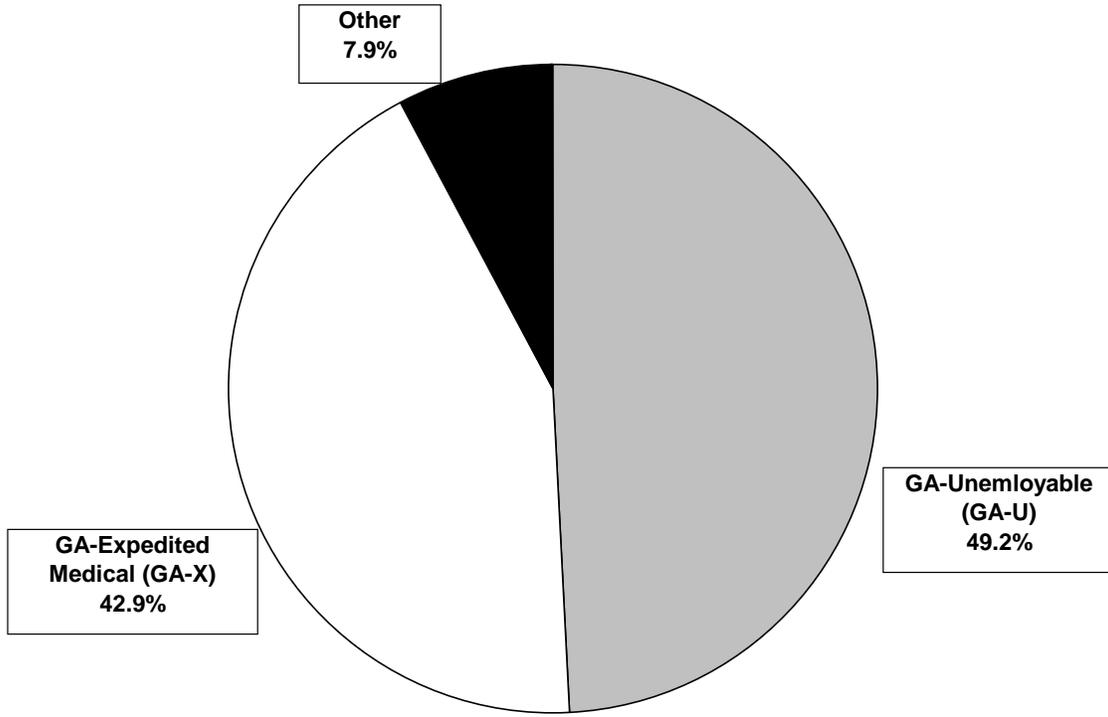
	Cases	Persons	Gross Expenditures	Recoveries	Payment Per Case
July	1,831	2,092	\$557,003.84	\$0.00	\$304.21
August	1,898	2,160	\$578,713.98	\$0.00	\$304.91
September	1,949	2,225	\$594,013.06	\$0.00	\$304.78
October	2,018	2,305	\$616,522.58	\$0.00	\$305.51
November	2,006	2,291	\$622,014.91	\$0.00	\$310.08
December	2,018	2,313	\$623,177.85	\$0.00	\$308.81
January	2,003	2,305	\$621,916.94	\$0.00	\$310.49
February	2,022	2,327	\$624,628.54	\$0.00	\$308.92
March	2,076	2,385	\$636,261.38	\$0.00	\$306.48
April	2,127	2,446	\$648,378.77	\$0.00	\$304.83
May	2,125	2,448	\$654,427.33	\$0.00	\$307.97
June	2,178	2,498	\$668,607.94	\$0.00	\$306.98
Mo. Avg.	2,021	2,316	\$620,472.00	\$0.00	\$307.01

Note: GA-Other includes Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K). It does not include general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U) or Expedited Medical (GA-X).

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Combined General Assistance Caseload By Program Type, SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data



	Combined GA Caseload	U Only	% U Only	X Only	% X Only	Other	% Other
July	24,014	11,472	47.8%	10,711	44.6%	1,831	7.6%
August	24,304	11,775	48.4%	10,631	43.7%	1,898	7.8%
September	24,542	11,867	48.4%	10,726	43.7%	1,949	7.9%
October	24,853	12,190	49.0%	10,645	42.8%	2,018	8.1%
November	24,921	12,303	49.4%	10,612	42.6%	2,006	8.0%
December	25,386	12,521	49.3%	10,847	42.7%	2,018	7.9%
January	25,553	12,630	49.4%	10,920	42.7%	2,003	7.8%
February	26,013	12,939	49.7%	11,052	42.5%	2,022	7.8%
March	26,689	13,427	50.3%	11,186	41.9%	2,076	7.8%
April	26,742	13,242	49.5%	11,373	42.5%	2,127	8.0%
May	26,816	13,327	49.7%	11,364	42.4%	2,125	7.9%
June	26,960	13,349	49.5%	11,433	42.4%	2,178	8.1%
Mo. Avg.	25,566	12,587	49.2%	10,958	42.9%	2,021	7.9%

Note: U Only includes general assistance for Unemployable (GA-U); X only includes general assistance for Expedited Medical (GA-X); Other includes general assistance for Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

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Combined GA Caseload Exiting to SSI or Some Other Program SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Total Combined GA Adults	During Subsequent Month Being Reported					
		Adults Remaining On GA	% Adults Remaining On GA	Adults Moving From GA to SSI	% Adults Moving From GA to SSI	Adults Moving From GA to Other Programs ¹ or Exiting	% of Adults Moving From GA to Other Programs ¹
July	24,334	22,457	92.3%	599	2.5%	1,278	5.3%
August	24,623	22,741	92.4%	677	2.7%	1,205	4.9%
September	24,875	22,929	92.2%	648	2.6%	1,298	5.2%
October	25,200	23,148	91.9%	747	3.0%	1,305	5.2%
November	25,258	23,515	93.1%	595	2.4%	1,148	4.5%
December	25,736	23,779	92.4%	721	2.8%	1,236	4.8%
January	25,916	24,333	93.9%	576	2.2%	1,007	3.9%
February	26,371	24,747	93.8%	574	2.2%	1,050	4.0%
March	27,056	25,077	92.7%	653	2.4%	1,326	4.9%
April	27,126	25,085	92.5%	714	2.6%	1,327	4.9%
May	27,197	25,170	92.5%	688	2.5%	1,339	4.9%
June	27,332	25,162	92.1%	654	2.4%	1,516	5.5%
Mo. Avg.	25,919	24,012	92.6%	654	2.5%	1,253	4.8%

Note: Left of the vertical line are clients who received GA during the month being reported. Anything to the right of the vertical line, the client received during the subsequent month.

¹ Other programs include TANF, Diversion Cash Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, and Alcohol/Drug Treatment.

GA-U, GA-X, and GA-Other Clients on Assistance 12 or More Consecutive Months, SFY 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	% of GA-U Clients on 12 or More Consecutive Months	% of GA-X Clients on 12 or More Consecutive Months	% of GA- Other Clients on 12 or More Consecutive Months
July	24.5%	45.0%	49.8%
August	24.4%	45.9%	49.0%
September	24.8%	45.7%	49.3%
October	25.0%	46.6%	49.0%
November	25.1%	47.0%	50.6%
December	25.1%	46.2%	51.6%
January	25.3%	46.2%	52.1%
February	26.0%	45.6%	53.2%
March	26.4%	45.4%	52.7%
April	27.1%	44.9%	53.8%
May	27.5%	44.7%	54.7%
June	28.2%	44.6%	54.7%

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Combined GA Caseload By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Number of Cases	Percent of Statewide Caseload	Number of Clients	Percent of Statewide Clients
Region 1				
Clarkston	97	0.4%	97	0.4%
Colfax Branch Office	40	0.1%	40	0.1%
Mattawa	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Moses Lake	337	1.3%	338	1.2%
Newport	130	0.5%	130	0.5%
Okanogan	304	1.1%	304	1.1%
Othello	37	0.1%	37	0.1%
Republic	56	0.2%	57	0.2%
Spokane North	567	2.1%	569	2.1%
Spokane Southwest	718	2.7%	721	2.6%
Spokane Valley	576	2.1%	584	2.1%
Tri County – Colville	235	0.9%	236	0.9%
Wenatchee	541	2.0%	544	2.0%
Region 1 Call Center	79	0.3%	79	0.3%
Region 1 Total	3,721	13.8%	3,740	13.7%
Region 2				
Ellensburg	85	0.3%	85	0.3%
Kennewick	580	2.2%	589	2.2%
Pasco	357	1.3%	364	1.3%
Sunnyside	132	0.5%	138	0.5%
Walla Walla	156	0.6%	159	0.6%
Wapato	222	0.8%	225	0.8%
Yakima	807	3.0%	820	3.0%
Region 2 Call Center	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Region 2 Total	2,340	8.7%	2,381	8.7%
Region 3				
Alderwood	885	3.3%	899	3.3%
Bellingham	709	2.6%	714	2.6%
Everett	895	3.3%	908	3.3%
Friday Harbor	10	0.0%	10	0.0%
Mt. Vernon	407	1.5%	413	1.5%
Oak Harbor	115	0.4%	115	0.4%
Skykomish Valley	466	1.7%	469	1.7%
Smokey Point	688	2.6%	698	2.6%
Region 3 Total	4,175	15.5%	4,226	15.5%

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Combined GA Caseload By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Number of Cases	Percent of Statewide Caseload	Number of Clients	Percent of Statewide Clients
Region 4				
Auburn	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Belltown	1,846	6.8%	1,854	6.8%
Capitol Hill	845	3.1%	851	3.1%
Federal Way	926	3.4%	946	3.5%
King Eastside	715	2.7%	754	2.8%
King North	1,398	5.2%	1,412	5.2%
King South	701	2.6%	718	2.6%
Rainier	527	2.0%	541	2.0%
Renton	690	2.6%	708	2.6%
White Center	1,056	3.9%	1,056	3.9%
Region 4 Call Center	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Region 4 Total	8,709	32.3%	8,845	32.4%
Region 5				
Bremerton	951	3.5%	956	3.5%
Pierce West/NW WorkFirst	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Pierce South	1,600	5.9%	1,615	5.9%
Puyallup	928	3.4%	936	3.4%
Region 5 Call Center	6	0.0%	6	0.0%
Region 5 Total	3,486	12.9%	3,514	12.9%
Region 6				
Aberdeen	286	1.1%	286	1.0%
Chehalis	413	1.5%	414	1.5%
Columbia River	842	3.1%	863	3.2%
Forks	77	0.3%	77	0.3%
Goldendale	83	0.3%	85	0.3%
Kelso	374	1.4%	375	1.4%
Long Beach	51	0.2%	51	0.2%
Neah Bay	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Olympia	716	2.7%	724	2.6%
Port Angeles	323	1.2%	323	1.2%
Port Townsend	116	0.4%	117	0.4%
Shelton	355	1.3%	355	1.3%
South Bend	55	0.2%	55	0.2%
Stevenson	45	0.2%	45	0.2%
White Salmon	53	0.2%	53	0.2%
Region 6 Call Center	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Region 6 Total	3,789	14.1%	3,823	14.0%

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Combined GA Caseload By DSHS Region and CSO, June 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Number of Cases	Percent of Statewide Caseload	Number of Clients	Percent of Statewide Clients
HCS Offices				
Aberdeen	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Alderwood	24	0.1%	25	0.1%
Bellingham	19	0.1%	22	0.1%
Bremerton	22	0.1%	24	0.1%
Chehalis	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Clarkston	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Colville	5	0.0%	5	0.0%
Ellensburg	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Everett	46	0.2%	48	0.2%
Holgate	259	1.0%	285	1.0%
Kelso	8	0.0%	8	0.0%
Moses Lake	10	0.0%	11	0.0%
Mt. Vernon	10	0.0%	11	0.0%
Oak Harbor	1	0.0%	2	0.0%
Okanogan	6	0.0%	6	0.0%
Pacific	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Pasco	26	0.1%	33	0.1%
Port Angeles	6	0.0%	6	0.0%
Puyallup	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Skykomish	6	0.0%	6	0.0%
Smokey Point	17	0.1%	17	0.1%
Spokane	74	0.3%	86	0.3%
Sunnyside	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Tacoma	92	0.3%	95	0.3%
Toppenish-Wapato	3	0.0%	3	0.0%
Tumwater	17	0.1%	18	0.1%
Vancouver	41	0.2%	43	0.2%
Walla Walla	4	0.0%	4	0.0%
Wenatchee	8	0.0%	8	0.0%
Yakima-Ellensburg	18	0.1%	19	0.1%
HCS Office Total	740	2.7%	803	2.9%
State Total	26,960	100.0%	27,332	100.0%

Note: A number of Basic Food Program cases received services through a Home Community Service Center (HCS) administered through the Aging and Adult Services Administration. These cases are listed separately since they are not part of an Economic Services Administration Community Services Division (CSD) Community Service Office (CSO).

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Combined GA Caseload By County of Residence, June 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

	Number of Cases	Percent of Statewide Caseload	Number of Clients	Percent of Statewide Clients
Adams	36	0.1%	36	0.1%
Asotin	92	0.3%	92	0.3%
Benton	621	2.3%	634	2.3%
Chelan	441	1.6%	442	1.6%
Clallam	406	1.5%	406	1.5%
Clark	881	3.3%	904	3.3%
Columbia	13	0.0%	13	0.0%
Cowlitz	377	1.4%	378	1.4%
Douglas	117	0.4%	119	0.4%
Ferry	55	0.2%	56	0.2%
Franklin	344	1.3%	353	1.3%
Garfield	7	0.0%	7	0.0%
Grant	358	1.3%	361	1.3%
Grays Harbor	296	1.1%	296	1.1%
Island	144	0.5%	146	0.5%
Jefferson	119	0.4%	120	0.4%
King	8,965	33.3%	9,128	33.4%
Kitsap	957	3.5%	964	3.5%
Kittitas	88	0.3%	88	0.3%
Klickitat	138	0.5%	140	0.5%
Lewis	414	1.5%	415	1.5%
Lincoln	25	0.1%	25	0.1%
Mason	354	1.3%	354	1.3%
Okanogan	299	1.1%	299	1.1%
Pacific	110	0.4%	110	0.4%
Pend Oreille	129	0.5%	129	0.5%
Pierce	2,622	9.7%	2,647	9.7%
San Juan	19	0.1%	19	0.1%
Skagit	388	1.4%	395	1.4%
Skamania	39	0.1%	39	0.1%
Snohomish	3,023	11.2%	3,066	11.2%
Spokane	1,987	7.4%	2,011	7.4%
Stevens	243	0.9%	244	0.9%
Thurston	735	2.7%	743	2.7%
Wahkiakum	8	0.0%	8	0.0%
Walla Walla	165	0.6%	168	0.6%
Whatcom	722	2.7%	730	2.7%
Whitman	41	0.2%	41	0.2%
Yakima	1,182	4.4%	1,206	4.4%
State Total	26,960	100.0%	27,332	100.0%

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General Assistance Program Client Demographics, June 2005

Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	GA-U Only ² (13,386)		GA-X Only ² (11,455)		Other ² (2,498)	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Gender						
Female	5,568	41.6%	5,067	44.2%	1,564	62.6%
Male	7,818	58.4%	6,388	55.8%	934	37.4%
Race						
White	9,133	68.2%	8,437	73.7%	756	30.3%
Hispanic	889	6.6%	636	5.6%	358	14.3%
Black	1,467	11.0%	1,145	10.0%	83	3.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	432	3.2%	223	1.9%	930	37.2%
Native American	501	3.7%	382	3.3%	16	0.6%
Unknown	964	7.2%	632	5.5%	355	14.2%
Marital Status (Adults Only)						
Separated	1,584	11.8%	1,322	11.5%	164	6.6%
Married	782	5.8%	483	4.2%	963	38.6%
Never Married	6,436	48.1%	5,530	48.3%	370	14.8%
Divorced	4,100	30.6%	3,750	32.7%	160	6.4%
Widow	403	3.0%	308	2.7%	794	31.8%
Unknown	81	0.6%	62	0.5%	47	1.9%
Citizenship						
U.S. Citizen	12,536	93.7%	11,046	96.4%	415	16.6%
Resident Alien	838	6.3%	396	3.5%	2,070	82.9%
U.S. National	12	0.1%	13	0.1%	13	0.5%
INS Entry Status						
Born in U.S.	12529	93.6%	11050	96.5%	407	16.3%
Amerasian	7	0.1%	2	0.0%	4	0.2%
Asylee	19	0.1%	12	0.1%	11	0.4%
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.1%
Deportation Withheld	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Non-Refugee	567	4.2%	275	2.4%	1,800	72.1%
Refugee	260	1.9%	112	1.0%	272	10.9%
Age						
< 17 Years Old	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
17 Years Old	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
18 Years Old	0	0.0%	30	0.3%	86	3.4%
19 – 20 Years Old	410	3.1%	274	2.4%	19	0.8%
21 – 29 Years Old	1,981	14.8%	1,519	13.3%	36	1.4%
30 – 39 Years Old	2,516	18.8%	2,150	18.8%	31	1.2%
40 – 49 Years Old	4,805	35.9%	4,194	36.6%	71	2.8%
50 – 55 Years Old	2,368	17.7%	2,209	19.3%	55	2.2%
56 – 59 Years Old	816	6.1%	759	6.6%	32	1.3%
60 – 64 Years Old	484	3.6%	317	2.8%	48	1.9%
65+ Years Old	6	0.0%	3	0.0%	2,120	84.9%
Mean Age of Adults	42.4 Years Old		42.9 Years Old		68.4 Years Old	
Median Age of Adults	44.0 Years Old		44.0 Years Old		71.0 Years Old	

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Source: ESA-ACES Data

Characteristic	GA-U Only ²		GA-X Only ²		Other ²	
	(13,386)	Percent	(11,455)	Percent	(2,498)	Percent
Incapacity						
Emotional	5,401	40.3%	7,569	66.1%	122	4.9%
Mental	53	0.4%	104	0.9%	7	0.3%
Physical	7,516	56.1%	3,673	32.1%	290	11.6%
Other¹	416	3.1%	109	1.0%	1,511	60.5%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	568	22.7%
Avg. Months on Assistance Since July 1997	12.8 Months		24.4 Months		23.2 Months	

¹ Others are approved based on age or disability reasons.

² The general assistance caseload is broken into three categories:

1. U Only includes general assistance for Unemployable only (GA-U).
2. X Only includes general assistance for Expedited Medical only (GA-X).
3. Other includes general assistance for Aged (GA-A), Blind (GA-B), Disabled (GA-D), Regular (GA-R), and Residing in an Institution for the Mentally Diseased (GI-A and GI-K).

Length of stay reflects total cumulative months receiving General Assistance as a program, including all types of GA assistance. They need not be consecutive.

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